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SUBJECT: OPIC ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM - HERCULES
CHEMICAL

1. IN KEEPING WITH THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO MONITOR
INSURED INVESTMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OPIC IS
CURRENTLY EVALUATING A SELECTED NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN A
VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES AND COUNTRIES. AS HERCULES' TAIWAN
POLYPROPYLENE'S (TPC) FACILITIES IN KAOSHIUNG INVOLVE A
NUMBER OF RECOGNIZED ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS FOR WHICH APPRO-
PRIATE SAFEGUARDS WERE CONTEMPLATED, OPIC REQUESTS THE
EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AS MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE.

A. DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT
THE PROJECT IS NOT MAKING CONCERNED EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE
ENVIRONMENT OR IS NOT COMPLYING WITH ROC LAWS AND REGU-
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LATIONS IN THIS REGARD?

B. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY DISPUTES BETWEEN TPC AND GOVERN-
MENT AGENCIES AND/OR LOCAL CITIZENRY OVER ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUES? ARE THERE RECENT OR PENDING STATUTES OR REGULA-
TIONS THAT MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT TPC'S OPERATIONS?

C. WHAT IS THE GENERAL PUBLIC IMAGE OF TPC WITH REGARD TO THE PROTECTION OR ABUSE OF THE ENVIRONMENT?

D. ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION OF WHICH EMBASSY OFFICERS MAY BE AWARE.

2. FYI: OPIC HAS WRITTEN TO HERCULES IN THE U.S. AS PART OF OUR MONITORING OF THIS PROJECT.

3. THE OPIC ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM IS AN OPEN-MINDED ATTEMPT TO OBSERVE AND EVALUATE THE IMPACT, IF ANY, OF OPIC-SUPPORTED U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE HOST COUNTRY. THIS WILL BE AN ON-GOING PROGRAM OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE THAT MAY INVOLVE ON-SITE INSPECTIONS AND MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL. OPIC APPRECIATES EMBASSY ASSISTANCE AND WELCOMES ANY COMMENTS ON THIS PROGRAM AND/OR THE HERCULES PROJECT.

4. OPIC DOES NOT INTEND TO SUGGEST ON-SITE INSPECTION IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSES OF REPLYING TO THIS MESSAGE. RATHER, POST MAY USE ITS DISCRETION AND IF JUDGED ADEQUATE, SHOULD DRAW ON ITS FILES AND OTHER READILY AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN DEVELOPING REPLY. WHILE OPIC DOES NOT INTEND TO BURDEN POST WITH THIS REQUEST, REPLY BY MID-JUNE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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